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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NUJOMA ADDRESSES THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

REF: USUN 2570

1. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUDING SESSION OF THE WESTERN FIVE
TALKS WITH SWAPO AUGUST 11, SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA GAVE
AN ACCOUNT OF THE TALKS TO THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.
ACCORDING TO INDIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE RIHKI JAIPAL,
WHO WAS PRESENT, NUJOMA SPOKE WELL OF THE INITIATIVE
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OF THE FIVE, BUT HE ALSO REITERATED SWAPO'S LEGAL POSITION
ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UN IN NAMIBIA.
SPECIFICALLY, HE REAFFIRMED THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA.

2. NUJOMA SAID THAT SWAPO'S TALKS WITH THE FIVE WOULD
NOT MEAN AN END TO SWAPO'S ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST

SOUTH AFRICA. ON THE CONTRARY, SWAPO REPORTEDLY HAD NO OPTION BUT TO CONTINUE AND TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE. DESPITE HIS ASSURANCES TO THE FIVE THAT SWAPO WOULD NOT PUBLICLY DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS (REFTEL), NUJOMA TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SWAPO WAS INSISTING THAT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS BE OUT OF THE TERRITORY BEFORE THE START OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING AND THAT THERE MUST BE A UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA TO ENFORCE A CEASEFIRE.

3. COMMENT: NUJOMA'S REITERATION OF SWAPO'S MAXIMUM DEMANDS AND HIS CALL FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE WERE PERHAPS TO BE EXPECTED, GIVEN THE FORUM. HOWEVER, THEY POINT UP THE NEGOTIATING DISTANCE STILL TO BE BRIDGED BY SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA. LEONARD UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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